

Remarks

I. Introduction

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004. The Office Action rejected claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,425,131. Claims 13-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 22-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,425,131. Claim 17 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 39 of U.S. Patent No. 6,425,131. Claims 18-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 66-68 of U.S. Patent No. 6,425,131.

In response to these rejections, Applicants are hereby filing a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, all pending claims are allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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